

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended): A method for configuring a network, comprising:

~~configuring~~ performing a first configuration for a first device for use in the network;

storing first configuration information for the first device configuration on a storage device;

reading the first configuration information from the storage device at a second device;

responsive to the first configuration information being present on the storage device, prompting the user to select whether to clone the first configuration;

responsive to the user selecting to not clone the first configuration, generating default values based on the first configuration information; and

~~configuring~~ performing a second configuration for the second device for use in the network based on the first configuration information default values.

wherein the ~~step of configuring~~ first configuration of the first device and the ~~step of configuring~~ second configuration of the second device are performed prior to networking the first device and the second device.

2. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the step of configuring~~ performing the first configuration of the first device ~~comprises~~ includes configuring a host application.

3. (Original): The method of claim 2, wherein the first configuration information includes a host address.

4. (Currently Amended): The method of claim [[2]] 3, wherein ~~the step of configuring~~ performing the second configuration of the second device ~~comprises~~ includes configuring a client application to communicate with the host application at the host address over the network.

5. (Currently Amended): The method of claim ~~[[3]]~~ 4, wherein the host application is selected from a list of possible host applications for the client application and wherein the list of possible host applications is derived from previous configurations.

6. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
storing second configuration information for the second ~~device~~ configuration on the storage device.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
~~wherein the step of configuring the second device comprises~~ responsive to the user selecting to clone the first configuration, copying the first configuration information ~~[[of]]~~ to the ~~[[first]]~~ second device.

9. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the storage device is a floppy disk.

10-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended): An apparatus for configuring a network, comprising:  
~~first configuration~~ means for configuring performing a first configuration for a  
first device for use in the network;

~~storage~~ means for storing first configuration information for the first device  
configuration on a storage device;

~~reading~~ means for reading the first configuration information from the storage  
device at a second device;

means, responsive to the first configuration information being present on the  
storage device, for prompting a user to select whether to clone the first configuration;

means, responsive to the user selecting to not clone the first configuration, for  
generating default values based on the first configuration information; and

~~second configuration~~ means for ~~configuring~~ performing a second configuration of the second device for use in the network based on the ~~first configuration information~~ default values,

wherein the first ~~device~~ configuration and the second ~~device~~ configuration are ~~configured~~ performed prior to networking the first device and the second device.

19. (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the first configuration ~~means comprises means for configuring~~ configures a host application.

20. (Original): The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the first configuration information includes a host address.

21. (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 20, wherein the second configuration ~~means comprises means for configuring~~ configures a client application to communicate with the host application at the host address over the network.

22. (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim ~~[[19]]~~ 21, wherein the host application is selected from a list of possible host applications for the client application and wherein the list of possible host applications is derived from previous configurations.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended): The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising:

~~wherein the second configuration means comprises means, responsive to the user selecting to clone the first configuration, for copying the first configuration information~~ [[of]] to the [[first]] second device.

25. (Original): The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the storage means comprises a floppy disk.

26-32. (Canceled)

33. (Currently Amended): A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, for configuring a network, comprising:

~~instructions for configuring~~ performing a first configuration for a first device for use in the network;

~~instructions for storing first configuration information for the first device~~ configuration on a storage device;

~~instructions for reading the first configuration information from the storage device~~ at a second device;

~~instructions, responsive to the first configuration information being present on the storage device, for prompting the user to select whether to clone the first configuration;~~

~~instructions, responsive to the user selecting to not clone the first configuration,~~ for generating default values based on the first configuration information; and

~~instructions for configuring~~ performing a second configuration for the second device for use in the network based on the first configuration information default values,

~~wherein the first device configuration and the second device configuration are~~ configured performed prior to networking the first device and the second device.

34. (Canceled)

35. (New): The computer program product of claim 33, wherein performing the first configuration of the first device includes configuring a host application.

36. (New): The computer program product of claim 36, wherein the first configuration information includes a host address.

37. (New): The computer program product of claim 37, wherein performing the second configuration of the second device includes configuring a client application to communicate with the host application at the host address over the network.

38. (New): The computer program product of claim 38, wherein the host application is selected from a list of possible host applications for the client application and wherein the list of possible host applications is derived from previous configurations.

39. (New): The computer program product of claim 33, further comprising:  
storing second configuration information for the second configuration on the storage device.

40. (New): The computer program product of claim 33, further comprising:  
instructions, responsive to the user selecting to clone the first configuration, for copying the first configuration information to the second device.